GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:186
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Recycling of e-Waste
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of e-waste generated and recycled in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken to bridge the gap between e-waste generation and its safe disposal, State-wise;
(b) the funds allocated/sanctioned for recycling/safe disposal of the e-wastes during the above period along with the total capacity for recycling of such wastes, State/ UT-wise;
(c) whether most of the people engaged in the disposal of e-waste are from the unorganized sector and if so, the details thereof along with the safety standards prescribed by the Government in this regard;
(d) the number of complaints received/ instances noticed regarding violation of the safety standards during the above period along with action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure safe/scientific disposal of e-waste to minimise health hazards including international assistance and awareness programmes in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No 186 for answer on 29th November, 2016 regarding "Recycling of e-waste" raised by DR. SATYAPAL SINGH and SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI

(a) No comprehensive inventorization of e-waste generation in the country has been done. However, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in 2005 estimated 1.47 lakh ton of e-waste in the country, and simultaneously had projected 8.0 lakh ton of e-waste generation in the year 2010. As per the United Nations University report, "The Global E-Waste Monitor 2014", 17 lakh ton of e-waste generation was reported in the country in 2014. The State-wise information on recycling of e-waste as reported by CPCB is not comprehensive, however, available information is given below: